GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) makes available cost-benefit studies on various roads to interested road safety forums and organisations;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of NHAI to share such information in public interest;

(c) whether NHAI has proceeded with many projects including by-passes without having cost-benefit studies;

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to review all such projects; and

(e) the details of rules and regulations in cooperating with public interest bodies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) & (b) The reports on cost benefit studies conducted by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) can be shared with other interested organisations, as and when such requests are received, after examination on a case basis.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The NHAI has an Advisory Group of external Stakeholders constituted for this purpose. The group comprises representatives of organisations connected to infrasstructure industry such as Infrastructure Development Finance Company Ltd. (IDFC), Federation of Indian Chambers ofCommerce and Industry (FICCI), All India Motor Transport Congress, Federation of Indian Automobile Associations, etc., and a Non Government Organisation (NGO) actively engaged on road safety activities. NHAI also interacts with local people, on issues directly concerning them, through NGOs who are actively involved in the respective field.